

Sherman

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Fairfield County
Danbury Labor Market Area
Housatonic Valley Economic Dev. Region
Housatonic Valley Planning Area

Incorporated in 1802

Demographics

<i>Population (1998)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	2,281	807,143	3,107,580	White	2,909	636,147	2,648,212
1990	2,809	827,645	3,287,116	Black	16	82,879	274,213
1998	2,997	836,207	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	23	25,592	73,304
2003	3,098	843,924	3,272,149	Native American	4	939	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	3.37%	0.92%	0.03%	Other	0	1,610	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	45	89,040	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	21.80	625.85	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	2.63%	6.09%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	137.48	1,336.11	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$46,621	\$37,252	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	1,165	308,221	1,229,087	High School Graduate	645	31.5%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	43.0	38.1	37.2	Some College	428	20.9%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	812	39.7%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	84 6%	232 16%	85 6%	535 36%	326 22%	205 14%	1,467
Female	84 5%	227 15%	89 6%	582 38%	319 21%	229 15%	1,530
County Total	54,813 7%	139,006 17%	64,748 8%	322,604 39%	137,401 16%	117,635 14%	836,207
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture	13	7.3%	32	5.7%	Mill Pond Farm	\$4,141,230	1.24%
Const. and Mining	59	33.3%	157	27.7%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$3,946,940	1.18%
Manufacturing	10	5.6%	23	4.1%	Philip B. Korsant	\$1,099,100	0.33%
Trans. And Utilities	5	2.8%	23	4.1%	Warren J. Rubin	\$940,480	0.28%
Trade	29	16.4%	85	15.0%	ZBT Limited Partnership	\$888,950	0.27%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8	4.5%	29	5.1%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$333,625,243	
Services	49	27.7%	201	35.5%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	4	2.3%	16	2.8%	Town of Sherman	IGA	
Total	177	100.0%	566	100.0%	American Pie	Sherman Hardware	
					Country Pizza		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$4,190,913	\$30,837,967,729

Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>	
Total Students	400	461,203		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,221	\$8,300		Reading	74 55	77 60	79 64		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$47,415	\$48,598		Math	92 59	56 52	67 51		
Students Attending Public School	93.7%	89.2%		Writing	63 46	79 46	89 51		
Student/Teacher Ratio	14.5	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	71.9%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	4.7%	4.6%		Verbal		536	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		522	499		
Kindergarten 15.3	Grade 2 18.0								
Grade 5 17.0	Grade 7 22.0	High School 21.0							

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$321,435
		As % of Expenditures	6.6%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$4,991,321	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$429,558,225
Tax Revenue	\$4,500,713	Per Capita	\$140,379
Non-tax Revenue	\$223,371	As % of State Average	180.0%
Intergovernmental	\$267,237	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/89
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,372	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A1
As % of State Average	96.4%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	13.50
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	10.54
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	0.7%
Total Expenditures (1996)	\$4,852,615		
Education	\$3,288,770		
Other	\$1,563,845		
Total Indebtness (1996)	\$2,355,243		
As % of Expenditures	48.5%		
Per Capita	\$770		
As % of State Average	73.9%		

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	1,583	335,017	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	98.5%	64.2%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	4	4,504	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	24	2,045	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	23	4,830	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.52%	0.61%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	23	3,211	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	1	449	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	14	1,901	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	72	17,795	56,333	\$400,001 or More	8	3,349	4,036
Average Price	\$292,380	\$314,650	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$244,500	\$221,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	969	208,121	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	18.2%	34.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	4	30,502	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)		
Labor Force	1,639	446,996	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Employed	1,599	427,779	1,635,400	1. Sherman	195	New York 472
Unemployed	40	19,217	87,900	2. New Milford	63	Danbury 280
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	4.3%	5.1%	3. New York	20	Sherman 195
Total Employment	330	411,650	1,581,700	4. Southbury	19	New Milford 179
Manufacturing	0	75,610	265,850	5. Washington	11	Brookfield 63
'92-'97 Growth Rate	43.5%	5.7%	4.3%	6. Stamford	10	Washington 41
Daytime Population	418	472,065	1,740,247	7. Kent	9	Kent 40
				8. New Fairfield	8	Newtown 35
				9. Brookfield	7	Bethel 31
				10. Stratford	7	New Jersey 24

Quality of Life

Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	1	1,378	Total Volumes	21,017	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	0	756	Circulation Per Capita	12.9	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	2	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	9.1	40	Hartford	44	na
% Open Land (1990)	74.8%	68.8%	Boston	138	na
			New York City	66	Water Provider
			Providence	109	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company
Hospitals (1997)	0	16			1-800-732-9678
Total Beds	0	2,184			Cable Provider
					Charter Communications of Western CT
					860-355-1131